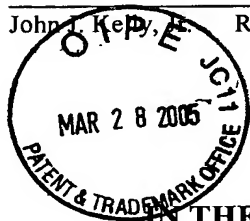


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : K. FUJIMOTO et al.  
Serial No. : 10/030,368  
Filed : October 25, 2001  
For : PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION OF FORMATE ESTERS OR  
METHANOL AND CATALYST THEREFOR

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition for a three (3) month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed on September 24, 2004 for which a three (3) month response period expiring on December 24, 2004 was set. The extended period expires effectively on March 24, 2005.

Please charge the extension fee of One Thousand Twenty Dollars (\$1,020.00) for a three (3) month extension of time to Deposit Account 11-0600. If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account 11-0600. A copy of this Petition is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

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